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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/980,271 *๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛* Examiner: Brown, Rueben M. Group/Art Unit: Filed: 2623 November 30, 2001 Atty. Dkt. No: 5266-09100 Inventor(s): I hereby certify that this correspondence is being fixed to the Commissioner for Patents, at 571-273-8300 on the date indicated Alain Delpuch Rory D. Rankin FLEXIBLE INTERFACE Title: Printed Name FOR SECURE INPUT OF June 20, 2006 PIN CODE

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 20, 2006

M/S AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action of April 20, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.